

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Southampton County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 23, 2008 to April 22, 2008.

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Virginia Department of Corrections, P.O. Box 26963, Richmond, Virginia 23261; GW0049100

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Southampton Correctional Center, Routes 308 and 652, west of Capron, VA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Virginia Department of Corrections has applied for an expansion of their permit for the Southampton Correctional Center in Southampton County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 328,767 gallons per day which represents an increase of approximately 9%. The ground water withdrawal will continue to support a water supply for the existing operations and agricultural programs along with supporting the recent expansion of operations at the Deerfield site. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle and Lower Potomac aquifers at a depth between 115 feet to 400 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The permit will be issued to Virginia Department of Corrections who will be the owner and operator of the system.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

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